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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application, and entry of this listing of claims is respectfully requested:

**Listing of Claims:**

1            Claim 1 (Currently Amended)            A braid folding unit of a shielded wire, comprising:  
2            a primary expanding means to beat a braid exposed on an inner cover of the shielded wire  
3            so as to outwardly expand the braid;  
4            an expanding pipe to enter an inside of the braid along the inner cover so as to further  
5            outwardly expand the braid; and  
6            a braid folding member to advance along an outside surface of the expanding pipe so as to  
7            push the braid in an axial direction of the shielded wire and to fold back the braid, wherein  
8            the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of  
9            sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the  
10           pair of sliding members in opposite wire ~~longitudinal~~ lateral directions.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

1            Claim 3 (Currently Amended)            A braid folding method of a shielded wire, comprising  
2            the steps of:

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3           beating a braid exposed on an inner cover of the shielded wire by a primary expanding means  
4           so as to outwardly expand the braid;

5           entering an expanding pipe into an inside of the braid along the inner cover so as to further  
6           outwardly expand the braid by an end sloping portion of the expanding pipe;

7           advancing a braid folding member along an outside surface of the expanding pipe so as to  
8           push the braid in an axial direction of the shielded wire and to fold back the braid, wherein

9           the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of  
10          sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the  
11          pair of sliding members in opposite wire ~~longitudinal~~ lateral directions.